Product/Manufacturer Oriented Implications

Obsolescent—The Virginia Enterprise Architecture actively promotes that agencies employ a different technology. Agencies or Central Services Staff should not plan new deployments of this technology. Agencies and Central Services should develop a plan to replace this technology. This technology may be waning in use or no longer supported.

Transitional—The Virginia Enterprise Architecture promotes other standard technologies. Agencies or Central Services may use this technology as a transitional strategy in movement to a strategic technology. This technology may be waning in use or no longer supported.

Strategic—The Virginia Enterprise Architecture promotes use of this technology by Agencies and Central Services. New deployments of this technology are recommended.

Emerging—The Virginia Enterprise Architecture promotes only evaluative deployments of this technology. This technology may be in development or may require evaluation in government and university settings.

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| Adobe | Personal Computing— Software | | | Acrobat Reader recommended (free) | |
| AMD | Personal Computing— Chipsets | Older chipsets | Older chipsets | AMD's current chipsets for laptop and desktop uses | Future chipsets; chipsets designed for 64 bit processing |
| AMD and other makers of bandwidth combination cards | Personal Computing— Wireless Connections | | | Multiprotocol cards that provide for 802.11a, b and g in the combination are recommended | |
| Apple | Personal Computing—OS | | | | Current OS X operating system for desktops—not strategic due to choice of Microsoft. May be considered in future cost/benefit study. |

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| Apple and Other Chipset Makers | Personal Computing— Chipsets | | Apple Macintosh Current | | Apple computers and chipsets could be considered in future studies of desktop options |
| Blackberry | Personal Computing—PDAs | | | Blackberry's recommended as strategic | |
| Bluetooth and makers of Bluetooth devices such as wireless keyboards, PDAs | Personal Computing— Wireless Connections for Personal Area Networking | | | | Bluetooth wireless protocol is not recommended for use for personal area connections at present due to high costs |
| Connectix | Low-end Servers | | Connectix virtual server for transitional support of old versions of strategic operating systems | | |
| Connectix | Midrange —Consolidation Platforms | | Connectix virtual server for transitional support of old versions of strategic operating systems | | |
| Corel | Personal Computing— Software | | | | Wordperfect and the Corel Central Suite could be considered in future studies of costs/benefits for desktop options. |
| Dell and other manufacturers of servers that market hardware and software as server appliances | | | | Web and storage appliances are listed as a strategic approach | |

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| Fujitsu | Midrange to High-end Servers—Consolidation Platforms | | | Hardware that is a substitute for the native hardware for a strategic OS that can run multiple applications well and without modification (e.g., Fujitsu is strategic if Fujitsu with Sun's Solaris OS runs applications built for the Sun platform as well as they run on Sun hardware) | |
| Fujitsu | Midrange to High-end Servers—for Applications | | | Hardware that is a substitute for the native hardware for a strategic OS that can run an application well and without modification (e.g., Fujitsu is strategic if Fujitsu with Sun's Solaris OS runs an application built for the Sun platform as well as it runs on Sun hardware) | |
| Hewlett Packard | Low-end Servers | | | HP-UX platforms may be used for applications | |
| Hewlett Packard | Midrange to High-end Servers—Consolidation Platforms | MPE platforms for consolidation; VMS platforms for consolidation | | HP-UX platforms may be used for multiple applications | Linux on HP hardware; HP hardware with Intel chipsets and Windows OS |
| Hewlett Packard | Midrange to High-end Servers—for Applications | MPE platforms for single applications | VMS platforms for single applications | HP-UX platforms may be used for single applications | Linux; HP hardware with Intel chipsets and Windows OS |

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| IBM | Midrange to High-end Servers—Consolidation Platforms | MVS XA; IBM OS400; IBM AIX These are not to be considered for new consolidations | zVM for transitional consolidations | IBM's zOS platforms for consolidation; IBM Linux under zOS for non critical applications | IBM's Linux for more mission critical consolidations; IBM hardware with Intel chipsets and Windows OS for high end consolidations. |
| IBM | Midrange to High-end Servers—for Applications | MVS XA | IBM OS400 transitional for existing applications; IBM AIX transitional for existing applications; zVM for transitional strategies for existing applications. | IBM's zOS platforms for single applications (unlikely because zOS is currently used for consolidation); virtual Linux under zOS for less critical applications; IBM Linux under zOS for non critical single applications | IBM's Linux for more mission critical uses; IBM hardware with Intel chipsets and Windows OS |
| Intel | Personal Computing— Chipsets | Older chipsets | Older chipsets; Celeron | Intel's current chipsets for mobile, laptop battery saving, and regular desktop uses | Future chipsets that support new or different technologies; 64 bit processing |
| Linux providers (e.g., Red Hat, Sun, IBM, etc.) | Low end Servers and scale out consolidations | | | Linux is strategic for certain uses including Web servers and Web Cache server | Linux is emerging for uses that are mission critical |
| Linux providers (e.g., Red Hat, Sun, and other desktop Linux providers) | Personal Computing—OS | | | | Linux could be considered in future studies of costs/benefits for desktop options. |
| Makers of infrared port technologies | Personal Computing— Wireless Connections for Personal Area Networking | | | Infrared is recommended over Bluetooth (radio) as a cost-effective method of wireless connectivity in personal areas | |
| Makers of Key storage devices | Personal Computing and Servers—data moving | | | Recommended as strategic for moving data between devices (e.g., work computer and conference computer) | |

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| Microsoft | High-end Servers—for Applications | | | | Windows 2000 and 2003 Datacenter edition must have been proven in another similar implementation prior to use |
| Microsoft | Low-end Servers | NT 3.1 OS | NT 4.0; also, Connectix virtual server OS recently acquired by Microsoft | Windows 2000 and 2003; | |
| Microsoft | Midrange Servers— Consolidation Platforms | Earlier Windows OSs than NT 4.0 | NT 4.0 OS; also, Connectix virtual server OS recently acquired by Microsoft | Especially in scale out configurations Windows 2000 and 2003 | Windows 2000 and 2003 Datacenter edition should be proven in another similar implementation prior to use |
| Microsoft | Midrange Servers—for Applications | Earlier Windows OSs than NT 4.0 | NT 4.0 OS; also, Connectix virtual server OS recently acquired by Microsoft | Windows 2000 and 2003 | Windows 2000 and 2003 Datacenter edition must have been proven in another similar implementation prior to use |
| Microsoft | Personal Computing— Desktops and Laptops | Older Windows OSs; Home versions | Older Windows OSs | Current Operating System— Windows XP Pro | Windows OSs in Development |
| Microsoft | Personal Computing— Software | Older Microsoft software— e.g., Office 95 | Older Microsoft software—e.g., Office '97 | Microsoft Outlook (client), Internet Explorer and Office Suites since '97 are recommended | Microsoft Office software in development |
| Microsoft and all high- end hardware manufacturers that use Windows OSs | High-end Servers— Consolidation Platforms | | | | Windows 2000 and 2003 Datacenter edition must have been proven in another similar implementation prior to use |

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| Microsoft and PDA makers that use the Microsoft PDA OS | Personal Computing—PDAs | | | | Not listed as strategic because Blackberry device/services were evaluated more highly, but could be a future competitor |
| Monitor Manufacturers | Personal Computing Peripherals | | | Even though new monitor technologies are strategic, a recommendation was made to not replace monitors with new desktops | |
| Netscape | Personal Computing— Software | | | | Browser not recommended for current use but is not ruled out for future use; could be evaluated in future desktop cost/benefit studies. |
| Novell | | Earlier Novell | Novell OS versions 4 through 6 are transitional because another product is strategic. | | |
| Other manufacturers of midrange and high-end servers using non- strategic OSs | Midrange to High-end Servers—Consolidation Platforms | For consolidation use only, these platforms become non-contenders | | | No known future products noted |
| Other manufacturers of midrange and high-end servers using non- strategic OSs | Midrange to High-end Servers—for Applications | | For current application use, these platforms become transitional | | No known future products noted |
| Palm | Personal Computing—PDAs | | Current and older versions of Palm Pilot are not recommended due to not being designed for enterprise management | | Palm future versions may have enterprise designs |
| Sun | Low-end Servers | | | Sun's Solaris OS | Sun's Linux |

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| Sun | Midrange to High-end Servers—Consolidation Platforms | | | Sun's Solaris OS | Sun's Linux |
| Sun | Midrange to High-end Servers—Consolidation Platforms | | | Sun's Solaris OS | Sun's Linux |
| Sun | Midrange to High-end Servers—for Applications | | | Sun's Solaris OS | Sun's Linux |
| Sun | Personal Computing— Software | | | | StarOffice Suite was not recommended for current use but could be considered for future use if Microsoft is too expensive |
| Sun, and other server blade manufacturers | Servers—scale out with blades | | | Blade frames with good management of resources are strategic | |
| Symbian and smart phone manufacturers that use the Symbian OS | Personal Computing—PDAs | | | | Not listed as strategic because Blackberry device was evaluated more highly, but could be a future competitor |
| Teac America, Plextor, and other makers of DVD writing devices and DVD ROM devices | Personal Computing— Peripherals | | | DVD ROM devices placed here | DVD writers placed here due to lack of standards |
| Unisys | Midrange to High-end Servers—Consolidation Platforms | Unisys OS 2200 | | | Unisys hardware with Intel chipsets and Windows OS |
| Unisys | Midrange to High-end Servers—for Applications | | Unisys OS 2200 | | Unisys hardware with Intel chipsets and Windows OS |
| VMware | Low-end Servers | | VMware virtual server; VMware virtual server for transitional support of old versions of strategic operating systems | | |

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